



# City of Ann Arbor

## Meeting Minutes

### Transportation Commission

301 E. Huron St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
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Wednesday, December 18, 2024

7:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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[24-2120](#) Homework and Study Guide - DEC 2024

**Attachments:** Homework Guide - DEC 2024.pdf

**Received and Filed**

**I.) CALL TO ORDER (Bret Hautamaki)(1 Minute)**

*The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm*

**II.) ROLL CALL (Christopher Cespedes) (2 Minutes)**

- *Non-voting Commission members in attendance: Lieutenant Mike Scherba, Luke Liu,*
- *Non-voting Commission members absent: Liz Margolis, Ben Stupka, Nicholas Hutchinson*
- *Present city staff, speakers, and/or guests: Christopher Cespedes, Suzann Flowers, Debby Bezzina*

**Present:** 9 - Bret Hautamaki, Megan Brovan, Peter Houk, Wonwoo Lee, Larry Keeler, Matt Carpenter, Erich Zechar, Kate Flewelling, and Dharma Akmon

**III.) CONSENT AGENDA (Bret Hautamaki)(2 Minutes)**

III.A.) Approval of Agenda

III.B.) Approval of Minutes

**24-2113**

Transportation Commission - Meeting Minutes November 2024

**Attachments:** Meeting Minutes - Nov 2024.pdf

**A motion was made by Lee seconded by Keeler to recommend the approval of the agenda and last month's meeting minutes. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried. The motion was approved unanimously by the Commission.**

**IV.) PUBLIC COMMENT - 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER (Bret Hautamaki)**

*Speaker 1: (Adam Jaskiewicz)*

- *Concerns about the Safe Streets for All presentation's plans for bike lanes on South Main Street.*
- *Questioned the logic of northbound-only bike lanes north of Stadium Boulevard and noted overlap in sections mentioned.*

*Speaker 2 (Lauren B. Durant):*

- *Shared a personal account of being hit by a car while biking on Packard Street, resulting in injuries and a totaled bike.*
- *Advocated for protected bike lanes and narrower vehicle lanes on Packard to improve safety.*
- *Criticized the slow pace of progress on making streets safer for vulnerable road users.*

*Speaker 3 (Molly Kleinman):*

- *Highlighted multiple recent crashes involving vulnerable road users on Packard Street, particularly south of Stadium Boulevard.*
- *Criticized the lack of quick safety improvements despite Packard's significance as a major bike and bus route serving diverse and lower-income neighborhoods.*
- *Urged the commission to advocate for safety improvements on Packard.*

**No email correspondence was received by the Commission in December.**

**V.) BUSINESS**

V.A.) 2025 Work Plan (Luke Liu)(10 Minutes)

**24-2114**

2025 Work Plan

**Attachments:** 2025 Transportation Commission - Work Plan.pdf

*Commissioner questions and comments:*

- *Dedicated Bus Lanes: Suggestion from "The Ride" to discuss dedicated bus lanes, tentatively planned for the second half of the year.*
- *Spin Contract Review: Proposal to evaluate Spin's progress in spring before renewing the one-year contract.*
- *Lane Reconfigurations: Plan to discuss progress on multi-lane street reconfigurations, with flexibility to move the topic earlier if needed.*
- *AAPS Collaboration: Emphasis on gathering community input on Ann Arbor Public Schools' transportation projects before finalizing designs, aiming for earlier discussions with staff member in January or February.*
- *Community Feedback: Plan to explore alternative methods for sharing community input with AAPS if direct engagement is not possible.*

**A motion was made by Akmon, seconded by Zechar, to approve the 2025 Transportation Commission Work Plan as amended. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried, and the said motion was approved by the Commission and forwarded to City Council.**

V.B.) 2025 Meeting Schedule (Christopher Cespedes)(5 Minutes)

**24-2115** 2025 Meeting Schedule

**Attachments:** 2025 Meeting Schedule DRAFT.pdf

*Commissioner questions and comments:*

- *Proposal to move the December meeting to December 10 to avoid year-end conflicts.*
- *Challenges identified with finding an alternative date due to existing schedules for other boards and commissions.*
- *Suggestion to hold at least one in-person meeting annually.*
- *Preference for Zoom due to convenience, especially for childcare.*

**A motion was made by Zechar, seconded by Keeler, to approve the 2025 Transportation Commission meeting schedule as presented. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried, said motion was approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council.**

**VI.) INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

VI.A.) Safe Street for All Project Update (Suzann Flowers) (15 Minutes)

**24-2116**

Safe Street for All Project Updates

**Attachments:** SS4A Update December TC 2024.pdf

*Commissioner questions and comments:*

- *Installations expected by summer 2026 due to procurement and seasonal construction limits.*
- *Concerns about misuse of bike lanes for short-term parking.*
- *Minimal risk of funding loss despite federal administration changes.*
- *First \$1M obligated; remainder pending.*
- *Community input ongoing to manage expectations and discuss designs.*
- *Planned for spring.*

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VI.B.) University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute Update (Trevor Brydon) (30 Minutes)

**24-2117**

University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute Update

**Attachments:** A2 Connected Environment - Dec 2024 Project Overview.pdf

*Commissioner questions and comments:*

- *No comments were provided.*

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VI.C.) 2024 Annual Report Draft (Christopher Cespedes)(10 Minutes)

**24-2150** 2024 Annual Report - Draft

**Attachments:** 2024 Annual Report - DRAFT.pdf

*Commissioner questions and comments:*

- *Suggestion to include items passed by City Council in the report to reflect accomplishments.*
- *Feedback to rename the "Pauline Parking Removal Project" to better represent its scope and purpose.*
- *Discussion on whether to include a second note in the annual report, as in past years, but no volunteers stepped forward. Decision to skip the second note this year.*
- *Annual group photo taken during the meeting for inclusion in the report.*
- *Final report expected in January for review and approval.*

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**VII.) COMMUNICATIONS**

VII.A.) Staff Report and Updates (Luke Liu) (15 Minutes)

**24-2119** Transportation Project Updates - DEC 2024

**Attachments:** Transportation Project Updates 2024 - DEC.pdf,  
November 2024 Monthly Offense and Pedestrian  
Report.pdf

*Commissioner questions and comments:*

- *Two serious pedestrian crashes in November and one in December at Packard and Fernwood. Lighting and walk signal compliance were factors.*
- *Patrols began in December, averaging four hours daily.*
- *Frustration expressed over ongoing crashes; calls for immediate safety improvements like signage and quick-build measures.*

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VII.B.) Liaison Reports (Bret Hautamaki) (5 Minutes)

*Commissioner questions and comments:*

- *No comments were provided.*

VII.C.) Commission Member Communications (Bret Hautamaki) (2 Minutes)

*Commissioner Zechar's Comments:*

- *Highlighted the human impact of crashes, referencing a friend's injury on Packard.*
- *Shared personal close-call experiences to emphasize safety needs.*
- *Urged immediate infrastructure improvements on Packard, calling the 2026 timeline unacceptable.*

**VIII.) NEXT AGENDA ITEMS (Bret Hautamaki) (2 Minutes)**

*Commissioner questions and comments:*

- *Proposed a resolution urging AAPS to align school designs with climate, VMT reduction, and Vision Zero goals.*

**IX.) ADJOURNMENT (Bret Hautamaki) (1 Minute)**

*The meeting was adjourned at: 9:10 pm.*